


		NTSB ID: DEN03LA019		Aircraft Registration Number: N5303Z	
		Occurrence Date: 11/30/2002		Most Critical Injury: Serious	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By: NTSB	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Montrose	State CO	Zip Code 81402	Local Time 0730	Time Zone MST	
Airport Proximity: Off Airport/Airstrip		Distance From Landing Facility: 3		Direction From Airport: 70	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Cameron Balloons		Model/Series O-70		Type of Aircraft Balloon	
Sightseeing Flight: Yes			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On November 30, 2002, at approximately 0730 mountain standard time, a Cameron Balloons (U.S.) O-70 balloon, N5303Z, was not damaged during a high wind near Montrose, Colorado. The commercial pilot received minor injuries, and his two passengers received serious injuries when they fell from the basket. The aircraft was being operated by the pilot under Title 14 CFR Part 91. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the local flight that originated approximately 20 minutes before the accident.</p> <p>The pilot said this was his second flight of the morning, and the wind was approximately 3 knots. He said that during the flight, the wind increased to approximately 10 knots. During a landing attempt in an open field, the pilot said the basket struck a fence, subsequently spilling the occupants onto the ground. The balloon flew for an additional 8 to 10 minutes before the balloon's basket caught on a second fence. The ground crew retrieved the balloon, which incurred no damage.</p>					
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<b>Landing Facility/Approach Information</b>						
Airport Name MONTROSE REGIONAL		Airport ID: MTJ	Airport Elevation 5759 Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type: Unknown						
Runway Surface Condition: Unknown						
Type Instrument Approach: Unknown						
VFR Approach/Landing: Unknown						
<b>Aircraft Information</b>						
Aircraft Manufacturer Cameron Balloons		Model/Series O-70		Serial Number 6151		
Airworthiness Certificate(s): Normal						
Landing Gear Type:						
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats: 4	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines:		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:		Rated Power:		
- Aircraft Inspection Information						
Type of Last Inspection Annual	Date of Last Inspection 07/2002	Time Since Last Inspection 20 Hours		Airframe Total Time 119 Hours		
- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information						
ELT Installed? No	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?				
<b>Owner/Operator Information</b>						
Registered Aircraft Owner  Daniel L. Crouch		Street Address P.O. Box 237				
		City Strasburg	State CO	Zip Code 80136		
Operator of Aircraft  Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner		Street Address Same as Reg'd Aircraft Owner				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator Does Business As:			Operator Designator Code:			
- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General Aviation						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Personal						
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<b>First Pilot Information</b>					
Name		City		State	Date of Birth
On File		On File		On File	Age
					56
Sex: M	Seat Occupied:	Principal Profession: Unknown		Certificate Number: On File	
Certificate(s): Commercial					
Airplane Rating(s): None					
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA: Free Balloon					
Instrument Rating(s): None					
Instructor Rating(s): None					
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft? Yes			Current Biennial Flight Review? 08/2002		
Medical Cert.: None		Medical Cert. Status:		Date of Last Medical Exam:	
- Flight Time Matrix	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night
Total Time					
Pilot In Command(PIC)					
Instructor					
Last 90 Days					
Last 30 Days					
Last 24 Hours					
Seatbelt Used?		Shoulder Harness Used?		Toxicology Performed? No	
				Second Pilot? No	
<b>Flight Plan/Itinerary</b>					
Type of Flight Plan Filed: None					
Departure Point		State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time	Time Zone
Same as Accident/Incident Location			NONE	0730	MST
Destination		State	Airport Identifier		
Local Flight					
Type of Clearance: Unknown					
Type of Airspace: Class G					
<b>Weather Information</b>					
Source of Briefing: Unknown					
Method of Briefing: Unknown					
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<b>Weather Information</b>					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
MTJ	0753	MST	5759 Ft. MSL	3 NM	250 Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Clear				Ft. AGL	Condition of Light: Day
Lowest Ceiling: None			Ft. AGL	Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 30.32 "Hg
Temperature: -6 °C	Dew Point: -11 °C	Wind Direction: 150		Density Altitude: 4253	Ft.
Wind Speed: 6	Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV)	SM	Intensity of Precipitation:		
Restrictions to Visibility: None					
Type of Precipitation: None					


<b>Accident Information</b>					
Aircraft Damage: None		Aircraft Fire:		Aircraft Explosion	
Classification: U.S. Registered/U.S. Soil					
- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot			1		1
Second Pilot					
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers		2			2
- TOTAL ABOARD -		2	1		3
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -		2	1		3

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Administrative Information		
<p>Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)</p> <p>James F. Struhsaker</p>		
<p>Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:</p> <p>Bill J Hughes Aviation Safety Inspector - Operations Salt Lake City Flight Standards District Office 116 North 2400 West Salt Lake City, UT 84116</p>		
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